SUBJECT No. 63.

Empowering Sub-Divisional Magistrates to entertain appeals against the judgments of the 2nd and 3rd Class Magistrates.

Messrs. Padmanna and Venkatasamiah, Nanjangud taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Now, Sub-Divisional Magistrates dispose of only such of the criminal appeals as are referred to them by the District Magistrates. They may be empowered to entertain appeals against the judgments of the 2nd and 3rd Class Magistrates of their Sub-Divisions.

The members explained the difficulties in obtaining bail especially when the appellant is undergoing sentence.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 64.

Return of documents filed in civil courts.

Mr. C. Narasimiah, Mysore District Board.

Summary of discussion.—After the disposal of civil cases, the files are sent to the Central Records. Parties desirous of taking back the documents in such cases, have to apply for return of documents in the original court in which they are produced. To avoid delay, inconvenience and additional labour it is prayed that the Central Record-keeper may be authorized to return such documents.

Mr. B. Narasinga Rao opposed the suggestion.

Reply of Government.—Let the present rule continue to be in force.

SUBJECT No. 65.

Sending up of civil court records to the Central Records.

Messrs. M. L. Narasimhachar, Hassan District Board, K. Ramanna, Hole-Narsipur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—There is only one Central Record room for a Division consisting of many courts of civil jurisdiction. Within six months from the date of final order, records are to be sent up by the Munsiffs' courts to the Central Record room which is located in a different place from that of the Munsiffs' court. Parties applying for copies of decrees or proceedings, usually go to the Munsiffs' court, but when the records have been sent to the Central Records they will have to wait for a long time to get copies, etc. Pray therefore that Government may be pleased to order that disposed-of records be sent up to the Central Record room only after at least one year from the date of disposal of each case. This would be a great help to the litigant parties.

Reply of Government.—Impracticable.

SUBJECT No. 66.

Delay in furnishing references from the Central Records.

Messrs. Girmaji Rao, Chikramanna, Byregowda and Gidde Gowda, Kolar taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Requisitions from courts, as well as from parties are not being promptly attended to by the authorities of the Central Records. This causes the courts to adjourn cases and thus the parties are put to much inconvenience and trouble. Suitable orders may kindly be issued to the authorities concerned to supply references in time.

Reply of Government.—The representation will be referred to the Chief Court.

SUBJECT No. 67.

Preservation of records in civil and criminal cases.

Messrs. Kodandarama Setty, Suryanarayana Rao and Nanjappa, Tumkur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—According to the standing orders, documents and other references and depositions of witnesses filed as exhibits by parties are destroyed after they are preserved for three years. As copies of these